

To: Honorable Judge Harry D. Leinenweber, Courtroom 1941
219 South Dearborn Street
Chicago, IL 60604

From: Evette G. Scott, United States Tax payer
Re: Robert Sylvester Kelly, COVID-19
Dear Honorable Judge Harry D. Leinenweber

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**THOMAS G. BRUTON
CLERK, U.S. DISTRICT COURT**

I am writing on behalf of Robert Sylvester Kelly, an inmate currently being housed at MCC federal prison awaiting trial. I am concerned with his safety and well-being while in confinement due to the outbreak of coronavirus. . It has been documented according to the Federal Bureau of Prisons, that two employees at the MCC in Chicago had tested positive for the virus.

There is much that is not known about this virus and the changes that will be needed in the prison systems in order to protect the further spread of the virus. With that being said, given the current conditions of confinement in and of itself, it is likely the virus will spread more rapidly. Incarcerated individuals are subject to close contact. There is not a doubt that this is a life threatening virus and will spread quickly. Therefore, the virus will spread in institutional settings and conditions including MCC more rapidly.

Robert Kelly is a detainee. He is pretrial and has NOT been convicted of any crimeP. As part of his pretrial status he should not be subject to the extra risk and denied his ability to protect himself. Mr. Kelly is a NON CONVICTED OFFENDER. Given his current incarcerated status, it is not likely Mr. Kelly will be able to practice social distancing, proper disinfecting and the best protocol regarding self-care. He would be at higher risk due to his age and existing health issues.

Mr. Robert Kelly has not been proven guilty of anything and holding him, in my opinion, is cruel and unusually punishing. He should not be subject to unnecessary risk when other restrictions such as house confinement would accomplish the same goal and prevent the potential risk to his wellbeing. He has no criminal record and is not a violent man. Mr. Kelly has not avoided what he is being accused of.

As a presumed innocent man Mr. Kelly should be afforded the right to prepare for his defense with his attorneys without added health

risk. Mr. Kelly has appeared at every court date and surrendered to the authorities of his own will, as well as without incident when arrested. Mr. Kelly is not a flight risk.

Eighth Amendment prohibits cruel and unusual punishment.

With all due respect, as a tax paying citizen, a business owner in the community and as an individual that believes that every person has the right to due process of the law I ask that you consider the release of Mr. Kelly so that he can without risk prepare for his defense.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Evette G. Scott", with a large, sweeping flourish extending from the end of the signature.

U.S. citizen and resident of Maryland
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